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Regional Briefs

AVIV, April 29 (R) — Right-wing militia commander Maj. Haddad was injured today when a jeep in which he was riding struck a mine in South Lebanon, Israeli first aid personnel at the border reported. Maj. Haddad was flown to hospital and his condition is stable. He was slightly injured and is probably released later tonight. Militia officers told the press that Maj. Haddad had been following "suspected" Palestinian commandos near Taibeh village, an area controlled by the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL) when his jeep struck a mine. Some of the men in the vehicle were also hurt.

IRUT, April 29 (R) — Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Hafez al-Assad arrived today and immediately met with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis. The meeting, held by Lebanese Premier Salim al-Hoss and Foreign Minister Fuad Buroos, was to discuss regional developments and bilateral relations. A Syrian force of about 30,000 men stayed on in Lebanon after helping to end fighting during the 1975-76 civil war.

IRO, April 29 (R) — U.S. Assistant Defence Secretary David Giffert arrived here today for talks on American military assistance to Egypt, a U.S. embassy spokesman said. He will confer with Egyptian Defence Minister Kamel Hassan Ali, who returned from a visit to Washington last week with U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown. Egypt will take delivery of U.S.-made F-16 fighters, M-60 tanks and other equipment before the end of this year as part of a \$2 billion military assistance programme, which covers next three years.

GIERS, April 29 (R) — Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas today they had inflicted heavy losses on Moroccan troops in the Sahara and southern Morocco in the past few days. The guerrillas said in a communiqué issued in Algiers that they had killed more than 120 Moroccan soldiers and wounded 75 in an attack on the southern Moroccan garrison of Abertih. They also killed "heavy losses" on Moroccan troops when they shelled a Moroccan base on the eastern Sahara coast and two other southern Moroccan positions, it said. Spain ceded Western Sahara to Morocco and Mauritania in 1976 and the Polisario Front immediately proclaimed the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic. Mauritania withdrew from the conflict last August.

LAJIV, April 29 (AP) — The United States has complained to the United Nations about an Israeli journalist monitoring American radio transmissions and releasing information about last week's abortive rescue mission in Iran, a foreign ministry spokesman said today. Israeli radio and television reporter Michael Gurdus, who monitored radio contacts between American headquarters and would-be rescuers, reported that the U.S. command post lost contact with three Hercules planes during the rescue mission. He also said that one of the planes had crashed before details of the mission were announced in Washington. Spokesman Yacov said the American complaint was "under examination." He said the complaint was received through normal diplomatic channels. Mr. Gurdus reported that the American planes took off from an airport west of Cairo, and stopped in Bahrain on their way to Iran. "There were many things I knew which I did not report cause I did not want to cause panic in the United States," he said.

JWAIT, April 29 (AP) — A Kuwaiti newspaper reported today that the Soviet Union has offered Iran an advanced radar system in exchange for being allowed to examine the wreckage of the U.S. aircraft abandoned in Iran during last week's abortive hostage rescue mission. Quoting an unnamed Iranian diplomatic source in New York, the newspaper As-Siyassa added that Iran is considering the Soviet offer. As-Siyassa said the Soviet Union was anxious to examine the American aircraft to gather information about sophisticated electronic and other equipment used by the U.S. Air Force. The American raiding party left behind four C-130 Hercules transport aircraft and four Mi-8 helicopter desert Iran when President Jimmy Carter ordered the abort of the mission.

NKARA, April 29 (R) — Violence erupted in Ankara today as riot students and workers protested against a government ban on May Day rallies. Troops and police detained 800 left-wing students after a gunbattle and the explosion of a booby-trapped car in the shanty town. At least one woman passer-by was killed, police said. Thousands of heavily armed troops, including the commandos, surrounded a university building and exchanged shots with left-wing students occupying it. Major Turkish cities and provinces have been under martial law for more than a year because of political killings and with the deaths now averaging 10 a day, the government decided to ban May Day celebrations. A pall of thick smoke hung over Ankara today after fire-fighting workers occupying a state research plant set fire to its rubbish depot. In another incident, a local official of the far-right nationalist Movement Party was shot dead in the western resort of Izmir, police said.

IHRAN, April 29 (R) — Four employees of the West German magazine Stern were held by Tehran's central security committee today after being detained last night at their hotel, a committee spokesman said. The spokesman could not give the reason for their detention. A West German embassy spokesman said he had heard that police spotted their car yesterday near the scene of a bomb explosion which they had apparently gone to investigate. The car had later been found outside the hotel and Revolutionary Guards seized the four as they were having dinner, hotel employees said. The central committee is a revolutionary law and order body separate from the police and intelligence service. A spokesman for the national guidance (information) ministry said the four were working without press credentials. "When they are released from the central committee we will ask them to leave the country," he said.

ANAA, April 29 (R) — President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen has received a message from Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri, Sanaa Radio said last night. The message, the contents of which were not officially disclosed, was believed to have dealt with the security of the Red Sea and bilateral relations. Both North Yemen and Sudan have often declared that the Red Sea should be kept free from power struggle. The message was delivered by the minister at the Sudanese presidency, Dr. Baha El Din Mohammed Idris who arrived in Sanaa early yesterday and turned home in the evening.

ANAA, April 29 (R) — Maj. Abdul Salam Jaloud, a senior aide of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, met North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh last night to discuss issues of common interest, Sanaa Television said. Maj. Jaloud was greeted at the airport by North Yemeni Vice-President Abdul Karim Al Arashi and Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani when he arrived in Sanaa yesterday. The duration of his visit was not disclosed.

Muskie to succeed Vance

WASHINGTON, April 29 (R) — President Carter has chosen Democratic Senator Edmund Muskie as secretary of state to succeed Cyrus Vance, who quit in protest against the abortive Iran hostage rescue mission. White House officials said today. House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill also said he had been informed by the White House about the selection of the Maine senator and added: "I think he'll do a hell of a job."

President Carter called Congressional leaders to the White House for a late afternoon meeting to tell them of his choice. Senator Muskie, an unsuccessful presidential candidate in 1972, is chairman of the Senate

Lloyd Cutler and Middle East negotiator Sol Linowitz.



Edmund Muskie

Iran stands by report of clash with U.S. fighters

TEHRAN, April 29 (R) — The Iranian armed forces said U.S. fighters today opened fire on an Iranian aircraft over the sea of Oman. A spokesman

for the office of the joint chief of staff stood by the report after U.S. officials denied the two American F-14s involved in the incident opened fire.

The Iranian statement said the 20 minute incident began at 12.11 (0741 GMT) when the Iranian planes attacked an Iranian aircraft on a routine mission. The Iranian Air Force sent up four planes from its Gulf base at Bandar Abbas.

The joint staff statement did not identify the Iranian aircraft or its mission. Washington officials said it was a C-130 transport and described the incident as a "routine intercept" over international waters.

The U.S. planes were from the air carrier carrier Nimitz, on patrol near the strategic Strait of Hormuz because of tension in the area over the Tehran hostage crisis and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"There was no firing of weapons," a defence department

spokesman said later. The spokesman had no comment on the Tehran report that Iranian air force planes intervened.

Earlier, a State Department spokesman said the incident occurred over international waters and the American aircraft did not violate Iranian air space.

The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was the base ship for last week's abortive attempt to rescue the American hostages by flying in helicopters to an isolated desert region of eastern Iran.

In a dispatch issued after today's incident, the official Pars News Agency said armed forces personnel had been warned in a circular to be on the alert for a further U.S. rescue attempt.

It quoted the circular as saying: "(President) Carter intends to

regain his lost reputation and consequently draw more votes. In order to achieve this objective there is no doubt he has drawn up another plot ready for implementation."

The circular alleged the armed forces had information the United States had sent teams of men to Bahrain and other places in the past four days. It gave no further details.

It said the danger of further military action stemmed from the failure of the rescue mission, the effect of the failure on Mr. Carter's re-election prospects and disagreements within the U.S. administration, highlighted by the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

President Abol Hosen Bani-Sadr wrote to Cuban President Fidel Castro today, asking him to convene an emergency ministerial conference of the non-aligned movement to consider the failed U.S. raid. Mr. Castro is chairman of the non-aligned movement.

Mr. Bani-Sadr also invited him to send a delegation from the movement to a conference from May 10-12 in Tehran to discuss questions raised by the raid.

The letter followed an instruction from revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to the president to draw world attention to the raid.

In a message to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat published today, President Bani-Sadr said the abortive U.S. mission was part of preparations for a coup d'etat in Iran.

"Everything indicates preparations for a coup d'etat and extensive aggressive action against the Islamic revolutionary government of Iran."

The American government will not learn from its continual failures and will certainly try to revenge itself and make up for this more savagely and cruelly," President Bani-Sadr told Mr. Arafat.

He said he was inviting representatives of all liberation movements to come to see the traces of "the abortive American military invasion of Iran."

Ayatollah Khomeini, in a message to a fellow clergyman, today said the American action had contravened all international standards and agreements.

The revolutionary leader linked the American mission to internal disruption caused by what he described as American pseudo-leftists and to the wave of bombings that shook central Tehran yesterday, killing four people.

Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci arrived in Tehran today to try to arrange for the transfer of the bodies of eight American servicemen who died in last week's ill-fated mission to their families in the United States.

He said he would have the bodies passed to a third country and the Swiss embassy here and the International Red Cross are understood to be involved in the arrangements.

The Syrian-born prelate was today flown to the eastern Kafir-e-Lut desert to see the remains of the U.S. mission in which the eight men died when two aircraft collided.

Israel detains Kahane for causing riots

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 29 (Agencies) — An extremist Israeli rabbi was detained by police today pending further investigation on charges of causing a riot in occupied West Bank town of Ramallah, a police spokesman said.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defence League in the United States, yesterday provoked a demonstration in Ramallah when he distributed leaflets calling on West Bank Arabs to leave the area.

Police sources earlier said the Rabbi was released on bail but a spokesman said he was detained for investigation at the request of the occupation authorities.

Five Arabs were shot, one fatally, in a clash yesterday between hundreds of local people demonstrating against the rabbi's presence and Israeli soldiers who sought to disperse the crowds. Eleven Arabs were arrested.

Rabbi Kahane was previously convicted on a similar charge and prohibited from entering the West Bank for an extended period.

Eyewitnesses in the West Bank said shops and schools were functioning normally again today after four days of strikes in many towns.

Israeli Radio reported that Arab youths threw stones at an Israeli bus near the Nabi Ya'acub suburb north of occupied Jerusalem, but there were no injuries or damages.

Hussein in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, April 29 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein and his accompanying delegation arrived here today for a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

They were met by the UAE's President, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan, and high government officials. Sheikh Zayed hosted a banquet in King Hussein's honour this evening. Talks between the two leaders will start tomorrow morning.

Before flying to Abu Dhabi, King Hussein held talks in Riyadh with Saudi Arabia's King Khalid bin Abdul Aziz. The talks, attended by aides from both sides, dealt with current Arab and international issues.

The King earlier today held a separate meeting with Saudi Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz to discuss cooperation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia in various fields. The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, also met separately today with the Saudi Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal. Discussion between them dealt with coordinating Arab stands vis a vis current Arab and international developments.



His Majesty King Hussein is seen off at Riyadh airport by King Khalid of Saudi Arabia.

At resumed autonomy talks today Israel makes clear it will resist any Palestinian state

TEL AVIV, April 29 (Agencies) — Israel made clear today it would resist any measure of Palestinian self-rule that could lead to an independent state when negotiations on the issue resume in Herzliya, near Tel Aviv, tomorrow.

The ministerial talks with Egypt and the United States mark the latest stage of attempts to reach accord on Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip before the May 26 target date expires. The past 11 months of negotiations have produced little progress.

Israeli officials said here that the country's team to the talks, headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, would once again stress Israel's interpretation of the 1978 Camp David accord as the basis of the negotiations.

Foreign Minister Yizhak Shamir yesterday briefed senior officials of his ministry and laid down four basic guidelines adopted by Israel and presented by Premier Menachem Begin to President Carter in Washington two weeks ago.

These guidelines clearly indicated once more that the Zionist state intended to retain its control over the territories occupied since 1967.

Mr. Shamir said the first Israeli point was that the self-ruling Palestinian council should possess only administrative powers and look after such subjects as education and health.

Israel has firmly rejected Egyptian proposals to accord the council legislative powers. This would turn the autonomy into an independent state in every aspect but name, say the Israelis.

The Palestinians concerned, the 1.2 million residents of the occupied territories, have said they would not accept any scheme short of a state.

Mr. Shamir said the second point was that Israel intended to remain in full control over security in the West Bank and Gaza. The Camp David agreements called for the withdrawal of Israeli troops to specified zones in order to maintain the state's security.

The third point, stressed by Mr. Shamir, and certain to attract international rebuke, was that Jewish settlers who live in those territories despite foreign opposition would remain under Israeli law.

"We have come a long way and we must not allow the future generations to be disappointed," he told reporters.

He said the resignation of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance would not affect American foreign policy.

Meanwhile, a draft resolution affirming the right of the Palestinian people to establish an independent state was circulated at the United Nations today as the Security Council prepared to resume its adjourned debate on Palestinian rights.

The resolution, sponsored by Tunisia, the council's only Arab member, was not expected to be voted on today, council sources said.

Should the draft eventually be vetoed by the United States, third world and communist states are expected to call for an emergency special session of the General Assembly, where there is no veto.

The draft would affirm that the Palestinian people "should be enabled to exercise its inalienable national right of self-determination, including the right to establish an independent state in Palestine."



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Getting the message

IT APPEARS that the U.S. hostage rescue fiasco in Iran, and the emotional atmosphere which the whole Iranian crisis has engendered, have not clouded the view of some people in the West as to the real origins of crisis in the Middle East.

Listen to this, for example from an editorial in Monday's London Financial Times:

"The U.S. and the West badly need stability in the region and the support of the Islamic countries there, particularly those in the Gulf, whose oil is the life-blood of the world's economy. Their relations with them, however, have been increasingly distorted by the Middle East conflict, which politically has been aggravated rather than solved by the bilateral Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, and the failure in any way to satisfy the aspirations of the Palestinian people or remedy its deep grievances. The Islamabad Conference (of Islamic countries earlier this year) showed the problem of Jerusalem to be more important to the participants than the Soviet rule of Afghanistan."

The newspaper goes on to suggest that the only way out for President Carter is to bring about "a form of Palestinian self-determination" to supplant the Camp David "autonomy" concept, which it says does not amount to "self-rule worthy of the name." America's leverage with Israel, the Financial Times says, should be used "to bring about a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East which Arab and Muslim states other than Egypt can in some way endorse."

Such is the narrowness of Western -- particularly American -- perceptions about the Middle East (how else could the U.S. administration even contemplate a military action in Iran such as that which ended in disaster last week?) that the Financial Times's advice might be regarded in some quarters as unhelpful or churlish at best. But we prefer to think that -- the distractions of Iran and Afghanistan notwithstanding -- the Europeans are beginning to grasp the Middle East puzzle at last.

While Americans pre-occupy themselves with the whys and wherefores of the failure of the Iran raid, the Europeans are close enough to the scene not to be able to miss -- or misread -- the signals that are coming back to them from this region. These signals are clear not only in their resistance to the idea of Western military intervention (or adventurism) in the Middle East, but in their insistence that the Palestine issue remains the core of the conflict and that only with its resolution can the West expect the stability and support which it craves to be realised.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI: His Majesty King Hussein's visit to Saudi Arabia, which will be followed by one to the United Arab Emirates, represents a new phase in Jordan's continual action in the Arab arena. This move aims both at mobilising Arab energies and at strengthening Arab solidarity and relations between Jordan and the rest of the Arab World.

No doubt, the coordination which the Jordanian leadership is keen on continuing among Arab leaders is among the most important foundations supporting joint Arab action for the sake of the cause and contributing to crystallising steps in the forthcoming stage.

The stage through which our nation is now passing requires, more than any previous one, Arab vigilance, and decisiveness when presented with the possibilities created by international events.

Developments affecting the Palestinian cause -- whether brought about by Camp David or arising at the international platform -- and the effects on the Arabs of international events, all require continuous evaluation at the highest Arab levels.

In the light of these considerations the pan-Arab significance of King Hussein's tour becomes obvious.

AL DUSTOUR: The current Arab situation necessitates action to confront the consequences of Camp David, which aims at destroying national unity in some Arab countries, interfering in inter-Arab relations and directing a blow at Arab solidarity. This is the background against which to see the significance of King Hussein's meetings with his Arab brethren at this particular moment.

The Arab homeland is today full of tension, and prey to the superpowers' struggle for influence. The winds of disintegration are blowing on the area from more than one direction. This situation obligates sincere and enlightened Arab leaders to embrace pan-Arabism to resist the Arabs' antagonists, safeguard the independence of the nation and preserve its wealth, its potential and its future.

King Hussein's tour, which started with a visit to Saudi Arabia on Monday, to be followed with one to the United Arab Emirates, is part of Jordan's extensive effort to strengthen the Arab nation's capabilities in its cultural fight with Zionist aggression and with international attempts to exhaust the nation's energy and wealth.

Cost of living goes down 1.5% in March

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 29 -- The cost of living dropped 1.5 per cent between the end of February and March 31, according to the "Cost of Living Index" bulletin issued this week by the Department of Statistics.

The cost of living in February, by contrast, had registered a large increase of 2.5 per cent after January's prices showed modest 0.3 per cent decline from December's.

The bulletin indicates that between March 1979 and March 1980, inflation here ran at 13.8 per cent. The rate shows a considerable easing after the 16.4 per cent increase in the cost of living registered during the 12-month period ending in February. An increase in the retail price of petroleum products in February was largely responsible for the sharp rise in prices during that month.

The cost of living index weights a range of consumer expenditures, including food, clothing, transportation and housing costs, and it calculates the increase (or decrease) in the average cost of each item from month to month.

The year 1975 is used as a "base year", with an assigned value of 100. The latest bulletin gives a cost of living index of 171.6 for March, or a 71.6 per cent increase in prices over those of the base year.

The decrease in the cost of living last month is attributed entirely to lower food prices. Overall, these prices went down 6.9 per cent. The largest decrease registered was that in vegetable prices (down 7.4 per cent), followed closely by dairy products and eggs (down 6.1 per cent).

Smaller decreases were registered in the following food categories: meat, poultry and fish (down 1.2 per cent), cereal and bakery products (down 1.1 per cent) and fruit (down 0.3 per cent). Prices in the category of "other foods" went up slightly, 0.1 per cent.

The largest price rise last month was in medical care costs, which were up one per cent. Also more expensive last month were alcohol (0.1 per cent) and clothing (0.3 per cent).

The prices of all other consumer goods between the end of February and the end of March remained stable.

Seminar on women recommends their inclusion in policy-making bodies

AMMAN, April 29 (JT) -- Women should be included in policy-making bodies such as the National Planning Council (NPC), university boards of trustees and the higher council of education.

This was one of the recommendations issued today at the final session of a seminar on the role of working women in society here. Other recommendations invited the Arab Labour Organisation to set up a regional office here to train women for managerial posts and suggested that working women be provided training opportunities with special incentives. For example, training and study hours could be credited as working hours.

Also recommended during the four-day seminar, which ended today, was the extension of maternity leave from six to 12 weeks with at least 75 per cent pay; and shorter hours for working women during their final months of pregnancy.

The seminar was organised by the Department of Working Women at the Ministry of Labour in cooperation with the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). It was

attended by 19 delegates from 11 Arab countries, participants from various United Nations agencies and numerous Jordanian observers.

Among other changes in the labour law, the seminar recommended that agricultural and household workers be considered part of the labour force and be protected by labour laws; that women be entitled to a two-year leave without pay if they quit their jobs to take care of their families and that women be eligible for compensation if they resign because of marriage or giving birth.

In the educational field, the seminar came out in favour of co-education in all Ministry of Education elementary schools. It called for revising the compulsory education laws to oblige parents to send their children to school. The image of women in textbooks, participants agreed, should be studied and efforts should be made to emphasise their productive and progressive role.

Support was given to providing more and broader vocational training programmes for girls and

to the establishment of secondary comprehensive schools with a balance of academic and vocational studies. Girls should also be given scholarships in a greater diversity of countries abroad and should have better opportunities to study applied sciences.

The recommendations also called for the Ministry of Education to train specialists in pre-school training. They asked for more nurseries and advised placing them under the supervision of the ministries of health, education and labour.

With an eye towards rural women, a recommendation was made that the Ministry of Labour, in cooperation with the Vocational Training Corporation, set up centres all over the country to train women in simple light industry training assembly; for example, that of children's toys. Another asked that industrial and agricultural credit institutions give loans for cottage industries and crafts.

It called upon the universities, the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Education, the Statis-

tics Department and the National Planning Council to co-studies on issues related to women. Studies of socio-economic status of women as well as on the facilities and hindrances enable or keep women from working are needed, the recommendations said. The Ministry of Social Development should evaluate the needs of rural, bedouin women, particularly training for agriculture and large rural industries.

The Department of Working Women will have the responsibility of following up women's conferences and serving as a repository of information working women, in addition other functions to be decided by the Ministry of Labour. The department should also support the idea of an employment bureau in the ministry, promote jobs in labour education programmes, women and help the government continue its policies of equal and equal opportunity for women. The department should also apply these policies in the private sector.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, sent a telegram to Japan's Emperor Hirohito congratulating him on the occasion of his birthday.

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- Health Minister Zuhair Malhas will leave for Geneva on Thursday to take part in the 33rd session of the World Health Organisation (WHO), due to start on Monday. Participants in the three-week session will discuss, among other things, the transfer of WHO's regional office from Alexandria to another Middle Eastern city; health conditions in the occupied Arab territories; WHO's programmes, preventive measures against infectious diseases; medical research programmes and a WHO health strategy for the year 2000. According to Dr. Malhas, Arab health

ministers attending the session will hold a separate caucus on Friday to coordinate their countries' stands at the general meeting.

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- The Indian and Yugoslav folk troupes left Amman today after short visits here. During the visit at the invitation of the Ministry of Culture and Youth, the two troupes presented performances at the Palace of Culture. Last night a volleyball team from the Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan left Amman at the end of a week-long stay in Jordan, during which it played three matches against the Jordanian national volleyball team.

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- The Syrian-Jordanian joint electrical power committee has decided to start implementing the second phase of work on a national grid to serve Jordan and Syria with 330-kilovolt power. A spokesman for the Jordan team at the three-day meeting in Damascus said upon returning to Amman today that the grid will be put into operation some time during August. During the meeting, the two sides also discussed other aspects of cooperation in power supply, the spokesman said. Representing Jordan at the meeting were four technicians from the Jordan Electricity Authority.

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem will leave for Tunis tomorrow at the start of an African tour. Mr. Qasem will be heading an Arab League delegation, which will also include representatives from the Sudan and Kuwait, to explain to African nations the Arab view on the Middle East issue. The delegation will visit Sierra Leone, the Cameroun, Nigeria and Ghana. The tour is in implementation of a resolution adopted by Arab heads of state at their tenth summit in Tunis.

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- A Chinese agricultural delegation today concluded a visit to Jordan with initial agreement on a programme for exchanging expertise and information in agriculture, and visits by specialists of both countries. Agreement on cooperation in this field followed several days of talks between the delegation, led by China's Vice-minister of Agriculture Hao Zhongshi, and Jordanian officials from the Ministry of Agriculture. At today's concluding meeting, the Chinese paid tribute to Jordan's efforts in developing agriculture and lauded the efforts of the Royal Scientific Society in this respect. During their stay here the delegation members toured Ministry of Agriculture projects around the country.

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- Jordanian-Iraqi cooperation, most importantly in the field of water supply, was the subject of discussion during a meeting held at the Water Supply Corporation (WSC) today. The meeting was attended by the WSC's Director General, Mr. Sa'ud Bino; the Vice-President of the Natural Resources Authority, Mr. Ahmad Dakhqin; Under-secretary of the Ministry of

Agriculture Hassan Gharaybeh and the President of the Iraqi Fund for External Development, Dr. Abdul Amir Al Anbari.

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- A total of \$200,000 has been earmarked by the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) to help carry out a water project in Ajloun District in northern Jordan, it was announced here today. The announcement followed a meeting between the Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, Dr. Jamal Sha'er and UNICEF's representative in Jordan, Mr. 'Azam 'Azam. The aid comes from a \$1 million fund allocated by UNICEF to help Jordan carry out several water projects over the next three years. The total cost of the project, estimated at \$275,000 involves providing water from three springs to the Gaza refugee camp and the villages of Dibbin, Burma, Rimon and Sakeb. The settlements included have a total population of 30,000. Today's meeting also dealt with organising training courses in maintenance work connected with the project.

AMMAN, April 29 (JT) -- American Assistant Defence Secretary David McGiffert left Amman today at the end of his short visit to Jordan. While here, Mr. McGiffert met with His Majesty King Hussein, senior government officials and high ranking army officers in the course of the regular semi-annual U.S.-Jordanian defence consultations.

AMMAN, April 29 (JNA) -- A Spanish archaeological team arrived here today for a visit to Jordan at the invitation of the Department of Antiquities. The team will carry out an archaeological survey of a number of archaeological sites in Jordan and restoration work on the ancient Citadel in Amman.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Films

The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Embassy of East Germany, presents a festival of German films, starting 8 p.m. at Versailles Cinema.

Sculpture Exhibition

The Jordan National Gallery presents an exhibition of sculpture by Samer Tabba. The gallery is open daily except on Tuesdays.

Art Exhibition

The Jordanian Artists' Association presents an exhibition of paintings, sculpture and ceramics by 45 Jordanian artists, most of whom are association members. The works are displayed at the association's centre in Jabal Luweibdeh (in a side street opposite the French Cultural Centre). The exhibition is open every day, including Friday, until April 30. Opening hours: 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Book Exhibition

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of children's picture books from West Germany. The exhibition opens at 5 p.m. and continues daily until May 6.

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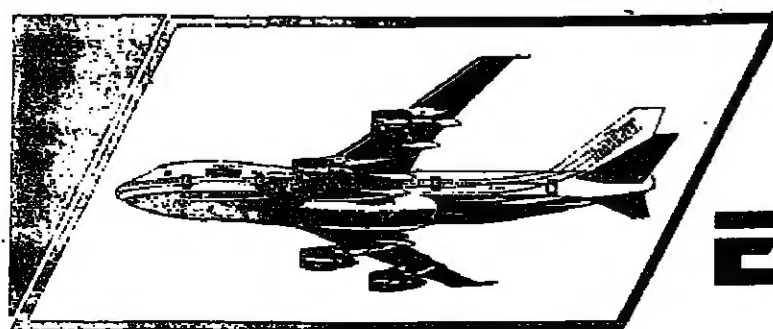
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Spanish pianist delights audience

By Fawzia Mair
Special to the Jordan Times

AN, April 29 -- Mr. Manuel Ferrer has returned to Amman. In the third pianist to perform this season on a return visit, he is becoming known as an outstanding stopover on musical

Ferrer's piano concert last night at the Haya Arts Centre was a satisfying experience, especially for those who heard him last November with the orchestra. For Mr. Ferrer, it was a stage alone perfectly as he manages the nation's brilliant technical and sensitive interpretation of the audience's imagination to be an understatement. In some regular Amman goes went so far as to say it was the one real pianist an has heard for years.

ough one may argue that there are many sorts of pianists, Ferrer certainly was an inspiration, with a neat and well-ed, as well as a deeply sen-playing manner. w else could one describe Ferrer's interpretation of s Partita No. 2 in C minor in ct Bach style, and of r's Variations on a minuet of Duport in perfect t style?

en Beethoven's Sonata No. p. 31 no. 3, in E flat major), combines Beethoven's classical style with the hints later romanticism, received ie. The first movement, an o, gave just enough hint of a r character. And the fol- scherzo and minuetto it fooled one with their ful light-heartedness. The presto con fuoco, however, led Beethoven in all his for- ble tempestuousness, and y forced the audience to ask curtain call.

e second part of the pro- gram consisted of more modern e. Debussy and Ravel were ited with the required vir- ty, but alas not on the high-

quality sensitive piano they deserved. Nevertheless, we Amman residents were lucky to be able to hear a first-class rendition of such delicacies as Debussy's "La Cathédrale Anglaise".

Manuel Ferrer also introduced to Amman the Spanish composer Joaquín Turina, a contemporary of de Falla, Debussy and Ravel.

By the time he died in 1949 in Spain, Turina was well known for promoting the character of 20th century Spanish music. Being a pianist himself, he especially liked composing for the piano; and he wrote many albums of short piano pieces. He also wrote a number of very successful songs, and works for orchestra and several instru-

The Danzas Fantásticas (fantastic dances) played last night by Mr. Ferrer are more often played as orchestral works. The three dances, as fiery as their names suggest, are Exaltation, Ensueño (dream), and Orgia (orgy), and possess a distinctive turbulence and rhythm reminiscent of de Falla's music.

The encore was Debussy's Golliwog's Cake Walk (from the Children's Album).

Amman is only the second stop on Mr. Ferrer's extensive world tour, which started in Budapest. He is to give concerts in Damascus, Baghdad and Beirut before moving on to Portugal, and then to North America, where he will play in such places as Mexico, San Francisco and Boston. He will also perform the 24 Etudes by Chopin, a pianist's ultimate challenge in Fort Worth, Texas. "I challenged myself," says Mr. Ferrer, "to prove to myself I can do it."

This tightly packed tour on which Mr. Ferrer has embarked with three different programmes is to him "a holiday", one organised by Spanish embassies all over the world. For at home in Madrid he is much busier, not only playing but also teaching.

"Pedagogy is extremely important," he believes, and somehow finds the time to instruct piano students between tours, trips, concerts and musical evenings.

Teacher training schools to become junior colleges

By Ron Cathell
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 28 -- The Ministry of Education this week is expected to finish laying the foundations of a project that will revolutionise the concept of higher education in Jordan.

Beginning this autumn, all 20 Teacher Training Institutes (TTIs) will be turned into two-to-three year community colleges offering both general higher education diplomas and certificates of technical training. The changeover stems from the government's concern about the shortage of skilled workmen and technicians in the Arab World, especially Jordan.

The idea, explains Mr. Khaled

Sheikh of the Ministry of Education, is to produce well-educated, technically trained men and women who can work in medical and dental laboratories, read engineer's blueprints to install plumbing or electrical systems, or perform any of a wide variety of services offered by technicians and skilled workers.

Ideally, for every professional, such as a doctor or engineer, four technicians are required to carry out this kind of skilled work. But in most of the Arab World this ratio is reversed, and in Jordan there are between two and four professionals for every technician.

This imbalance in the labour force prompted the government, as early as 1975, to consider expanding the specialisations

offered at TTIs. But not until last year was it agreed to restructure the institutes completely, and to borrow the American concept of two-year community colleges.

"We are Jordanising the American policy," says Mr. Sheikh, who heads the TTI division at the Education Ministry. "We are squeezing the experience of others to meet Jordan's needs." He added, explaining that Jordan is going beyond the American approach by including both practical and theoretical training as part of the curricula, which requires an additional month for every year of education. Grinning, Mr. Sheikh says the schools will be something like "junior universities in Jordan."

Legal details of the schools' new

charter, admission policy, regulations, curricula, exam policy and tuition should be completed this week. They will cover both the 10 government TTIs and the 10 private TTIs throughout the country.

"The change is according to the next five-year development plan, based on what we've learned during the previous five-year plan," Mr. Sheikh said. "There are new needs within Jordanian society, beyond just teacher training programmes."

"And there are new (labour) needs of Arab states. The skilled workers and technicians are in great demand now," he said, adding that Jordanian skilled workers abroad, especially in the Gulf states, cycle their earnings

back into Jordan.

Remittances from abroad are Jordan's single largest source of foreign exchange earnings. Last year Jordanians' remittances totalled some JD 175 million. And the planners at the Ministry of Education are well aware that many Jordanians will take jobs in the Gulf after receiving their education and training here.

The planners are also aware of the benefits Jordan gains by this arrangement. Today there are between 250,000 and 300,000 Jordanians working in the Gulf states.

"This is our industry. Our industry is not petroleum. It is people," Mr. Sheikh said. "And how do you develop this industry? Through education. We have people working all over the Arab World."

However, Jordan's education planners are also aware of the "brain drain" effects, and the problems caused in Jordan by the shortage here of middle skilled workers, that is those whose training is between that of a labourer and that of a professional. That is one of the main reasons for creating the community colleges.

Enrolment in the "junior universities" will remain the same as that of TTIs, for at least the first year. But the ministry plans to improve facilities immediately to meet the needs of the new schools, and to expand them to offer more class space as quickly as funding will allow.

The 10 government TTIs now have a total enrolment of about 6,000, while the 10 private TTIs have a total enrolment of about 8,000. This year some 30,000 secondary students are expected to pass the *tawjihi* exam and be prepared to start their higher education. But Jordan's two universities, in Amman and at Yarmouk, are able to take in only 4,000 new students a year.

Another 2,000 to 3,000 *tawjihi* graduates are expected to attend university abroad. This leaves about 23,500 candidates looking for other forms of higher education in Jordan. "So the community colleges will become the place for most of these students' higher education," Mr. Sheikh said. "And the schools will be open to Arabs from outside Jordan."

"I think we will cover most of their needs and absorb most of our *tawjihi* graduates," he said, explaining that the new colleges will each offer one of four fields of specialisation--engineering, education, commerce or medical sciences--in addition to a standard curriculum of general education offered at all the colleges.

For example, a community college in Amman might offer technical training in medical sciences only, while one in Irbid might offer training in engineering.

All Students from both schools would receive the two-year general education diploma, while Irbid students would receive a special certificate of practical training as engineering technicians, and the Amman students would receive a similar certificate as medical technicians.

Training and practical experience in each of the specialisations

requires additional time, ranging from one month to one year, depending on the field. Each college will offer a specialisation to meet the needs of its particular community.

Like the community colleges in the United States, Jordan's colleges will adopt the credit-hour system based on a three-semester academic year. One credit is offered for each hour of lecture and lab time a week.

Most general education classes meet three times a week for an hour at a time. Such a course would be worth three credits. Each weekly hour of lab time usually adds one credit to the rating of the course. All courses are held for a semester of sixteen weeks. During each semester a student is expected to take courses totalling 15-20 credits.

Based on this system, each field of specialisation requires a different amount of total credits for completion, both of the general education programme and of the technical training programme.

The field requiring the least number of credits is the education cycle preparing students to become teachers. This calls for a total of about "5-80 credit hours (the exact number is to be decided this week as one of the legal details within the charter), or the equivalent of four to six semesters."

On the other hand, the fields of engineering and medical science will require 100-110 credits for completion, which will include both theoretical and practical education. A certificate in commerce will require about 80 credits.

To ensure a standard of quality among the graduates of the new community colleges, the Ministry of Education will give each student a mandatory test, or possibly two tests--one on the general education programme that leads to the diploma, and another on the particular fields of specialisation. Such tests would also apply to the 10 private community colleges.

But there is still some uncertainty whether the community colleges will be accredited by Jordan's two universities, despite the fact that all the existing TTIs are accredited by some American universities.

The Ministry of Education says the two universities are not ready at this time to accredit the colleges. In other words, they are not willing now to accept a community college graduate as a third-year student in university. But Mr. Sheikh says it is most likely that the two universities, after a few years, will come around to accrediting the colleges.

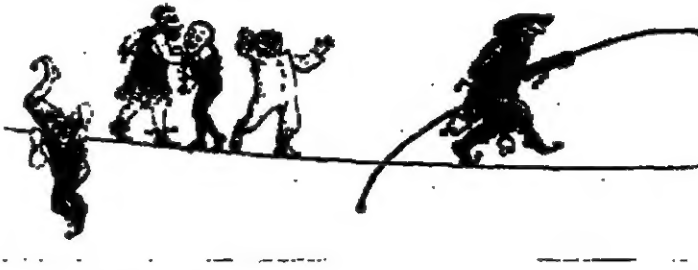
Tuition policy will also be finalised this week. It is expected that an option will be offered whereby a student can either pay outright for the education, or the government can pay and the student then becomes obligated to work for the government. In this case for every year of education received by a man, two years of government service will be required. For women, this work period would be only a year and half. Tuition costs at the community colleges are expected to be somewhat higher than at the TTIs but less than those of the universities.

German children's book exhibition characterised by a 'poetic streak'

By Ron Cathell
Jordan Times Staff Reporter



The cover of one of the German-language children's books. (left), and illustrations (right and below)



AMMAN, April 28 -- Those who love the German language, books and children -- or any one of the three -- have a treat in store.

An exhibition of 62 children's books, now on show at the Goethe Institute, is characterised by a high

standard of artistic design and includes original texts and illustrations by German authors as well as translations of books from other countries. The books are for children up to the age of 8.

The exhibition has been organ-

ised by the West German Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations with the cooperation of the Klingenspor Museum in Offenbach am Main. While it may be of limited interest here in Amman due to the language barrier, the many adults who are learning German, as well as Amman's German community, might also benefit from some of the imaginatively designed books.

The collection of books, accompanied by graphic displays explaining the authors' and illustrators' ideas (in German, with summaries in English) is on a Middle East and Far East tour. According to the introductory display, "It (the exhibition) demonstrates the vital interaction between image and text in the wide field of imaginative literature. Grimm's fairy tales, literary fairy tales and magical stories predominate. A poetic streak runs like a thread through all the books, through texts and pictures."

binding them together to form a bright bouquet which it is a pleasure to give imaginative children yearning for make believe."

Since the influence of picture books on children in their formative years cannot be underestimated, the exhibition gives parents a much-needed chance to choose among books that have been produced with great care to stimulate creative thinking -- and not just for commercial purposes.

As Dr. Richard Schmied, director of the Goethe Institute, observed, there is such a glut of mediocre and poor children's books in Germany it is normally hard to find the good ones in bookshops.

Although none of the books are for sale, all of them can be ordered through the Goethe Institute. The exhibition, which moves on to Singapore next week, is on until May 6 during normal centre hours.

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be fair, with some low clouds in the morning. Winds will be northwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight	Daytime
	low	high
Amman	10	23
Aqaba	15	30
Deserts	10	25
Jordan Valley	16	30

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	299.50/301.50
U.K. sterling	683.50/687.50
West German mark	166.60/167.60
Swiss franc	179.00/180.10
French franc	71.40/71.80
Italian lire	(for every 100)
Japanese yen	35.40/35.60
(for every 100)	
Dutch guilder	124.20/124.90
Swedish crown	150.90/151.80
Belgian franc	70.30/70.70
	103.80/104.40

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Amman Development and Investment	JD 2,000	500	1,380	1,380	1,380
Amman Investment Bank	JD 1,000	1000	1,500	1,480	1,500
Amman Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	5225	1,450	1,450	1,450
Amman Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	2250	2,250	2,200	2,200
Amman Bank	JD 1,000	1000	12,350	12,300	12,350
Amman Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	5100	3,260	3,200	3,200
Amman International Hotels Co. (Auction)	JD 1,000	550	0,970	0,950	0,970
Amman Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 1,000	309	0,970	0,960	0,970
Amman Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 5,000	79	25,000	25,000	25,000
Amman Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	8741.300	1,300	1,300	1,300
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Amman Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	1000	0,980	0,980	0,980
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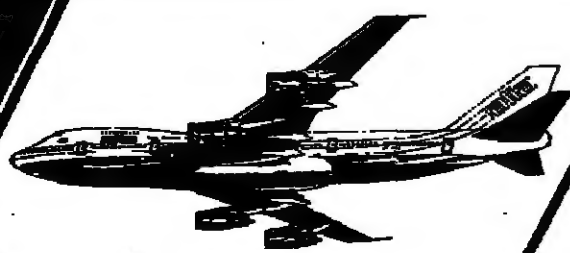
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USSR to set up tractor plant in Pakistan

KARACHI, April 29 (R) -- The Soviet Union and Pakistan have signed an agreement to set up a plant to make Soviet tractors in Karachi, the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported. It said the Soviet firm would provide \$18 to \$20 million of the total cost of \$35 million. After five years the plant will produce 10,000 tractors annually, APP said.

Mr. Eduard Matusevich, head of the Soviet delegation, told reporters after signing the agreement yesterday that a detailed study on the plant would be submitted to the Pakistani government for approval.

15 countries to get \$186 m. in food aid

ROME, April 29 (AP) -- The governing body of the World Food Programme (WFP) approved a total \$186.6 million worth of food aid to 15 countries yesterday, an official statement said. The aid will be applied to 16 economic and social development projects, most of them agricultural.

Individual new allocations by the WFP include two additional grants totaling \$24.7 million to Somalia for feeding certain vulnerable population groups and students. Egypt will receive \$21.2 million to continue primary school feeding in rural areas. Morocco will get a further \$18.2 million to be applied to projects on soil conservation and agricultural development in dry areas. Tunisia is scheduled to receive \$17 million for a new project for integrated rural development in dry regions.

The WFP is jointly sponsored by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

Kuwait's interest rates soar to 20%

KUWAIT, April 29 (AP) -- A report by Kuwait's central bank yesterday said interest rates on short term loans have soared to 20 per cent in recent days as a result of a liquidity shortage in the market.

The bank said the shortage was caused by several developments, including increased dollar purchases by local banks from the Central Bank. The purchases were made both to meet commitments and to take advantage of higher interest rates on dollar deposits, compared to local rates, the bank said.

Meanwhile, the National Bank of Kuwait will provide letters of guarantee for the purchase of six oil tankers by Kuwait, a spokesman for the bank said yesterday. The tankers will be built for the Kuwait National Oil company by the Chinese Shipbuilding Company of Taiwan at an estimated cost of \$160 million, the spokesman said.

Iraq to meet France's oil needs

PARIS, April 29 (R) -- Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeh Abdul Karim said yesterday Iraq would meet France's petroleum needs if Iran cut off supplies. He was speaking after conferring with French Prime Minister Raymond Barre for nearly two hours.

Mr. Abdul Karim, who is due to meet President Valery Giscard d'Estaing today, said on leaving the prime minister's office: "We feel ourselves responsible for providing the quantities of oil which France needs." He said Iraq was very happy to have strong relations with France in all fields.

Last year, Iraq increased oil for France by 25 per cent to a total of 24.5 million tonnes, ranking second behind Saudi Arabia among France's suppliers.

Turkey devalues lira for the seventh time this year

ANKARA, April 29 (R) -- Turkey today devalued its lira, by up to 4.7 per cent against 15 major currencies, but not the dollar. It was the seventh devaluation of the Turkish currency this year and seen as a further attempt to eliminate exchange rate discrepancies

caused by the dollar's movements on world markets.

Banking sources here said the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had also been pushing for a further realignment of the Turkish lira. An IMF delegation left here last weekend after more than two

weeks of talks on a new stand-by credit agreement for Turkey.

Neither side commented on the progress of the talks but when the IMF team left earlier than expected, Turkish business sources said there had been disagreement over IMF proposals

involving further devaluation price rises for Turkish nationalised industry products and ending state subsidies on such products. According to government sources, Turkey is hoping for stand-by credit of \$350 million from the IMF for the year starting in June.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, April 29 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

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	1.9885/1.9900
	1.6690/6710
	28.92/97
	4.1975/2025
	844.50/845.25
	239.00/239.50
	4.2480/2500
	4.9325/60
	5.6150/90
One ounce of gold	516.00/520.00

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Belgian francs	
French francs	
Italian lire	
Japanese yen	
Swedish crowns	
Norwegian crowns	
Danish Crowns	
U.S. dollars	

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, April 29 (R) -- The market closed firm after fluctuating narrowly in thin trading during the afternoon, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 4.2 at 436.3.

Government bonds and leading equities moved higher initially on the back of the latest falls in U.S. interest rates and the firm stand taken by Britain at the EEC budget talks. News the National Union of Railwaymen had settled for a 20 per cent pay deal boosted sentiment despite continuing Middle East tensions, dealers added. Government bonds closed with gains stretching to 1/4 point while leading equities rose as much as 12p. American shares were firmer while Canadians were narrowly mixed.

Tarmac closed 12p higher, Blue Circle eight pence and Turner and Newall five pence respectively following results. Early gains in oils were eroded but Ultramar finished 12p higher while BP and Shell both added 2p. Among chemicals, Fisons firmed 5p. Gains of a penny or two were seen in Grand Met, GEC, GKN and Lucas. Against the trend Unilever shed 2p while golds were as much as \$1 1/2 down with the lower bullion price.



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EEC nations rap U.K. after summit fails to resolve budget dispute

BRUSSELS, April 29 (R) -- Britain came under harsh criticism in other countries of the European Common Market today following the failure by an EEC summit to agree on the size of the British contribution to the Community budget.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who rejected as inadequate proposals to cut Britain's contribution, was attacked by French newspapers which accused her of intransigence and obstinacy.

"Cyclone Maggie devastates Europe" was how one Paris paper described Mrs. Thatcher's role in the unsuccessful attempt to find a compromise yesterday at the summit in Luxembourg.

The Quotidien de Paris dubbed her "Mrs. No" and said of Mrs. Thatcher's lone opposition to the compromise proposals: "One could say that an eight-state Europe was born last night."

France-Solir accused Mrs. Thatcher of inflicting a deep gash on Europe and on the entire Western world.

Among non-British officials, too, there was bitter disappointment and dismay in several capitals and they put the blame on Mrs. Thatcher.

"She showed no sign of compromise," a Dutch foreign ministry official said in The Hague.

In Copenhagen, a parliamentary expert on EEC policy, Mr. Arne Christensen, accused Mrs. Thatcher of rigidly losing all sense of perspective and duty towards the Community.

"I detect a tactical element in her inflexible stance, however, and hope she will change her mind," he said.

The failure to work out a compromise was earlier described by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt as a major setback in the

development of the Common Market and by Luxembourg Prime Minister Pierre Werner as a black day for Luxembourg and Europe.

Danish Prime Minister Anker Joergensen said: "The British showed themselves to be absolutely inflexible in their demands despite the fact that the eight other states bent over backwards to reach a solution... I can see no opening ahead."

In Britain, Mrs. Thatcher was praised for rejecting a compromise solution. The mass-circulation Sun referred to her as "Mighty Maggie" and the Daily Mirror as "No-deal Maggie."

In France, the government appeared to be trying to minimise the problem and foreign ministry officials spoke not of failure but of "no solution."

They stressed what they termed the political cohesion of the member states as shown by their joint statement on Iran, Afghanistan and other international questions.

A preamble to the summit's draft final communiqué said the EEC leaders "expressed grave concern at the trend of recent events, especially in Afghanistan, Iran and the Middle East."

Foreign policy is not included in the Common Market's founding Treaty of Rome. But the draft communiqué said the nine heads of government "considered that these events now more than ever require of the member states... that they show cohesion."

There were hints before the



Prime Minister Thatcher

meeting that some West European leaders were irked by the U.S. failure to inform or consult its allies on the Iran rescue mission.

But in Luxembourg, officials were at pains to avoid criticism of the U.S. attempt. EEC sources said the Nine were anxious not to encourage America's critics by appearing to be half-hearted allies of Washington.

The Iran text also reaffirmed a decision by EEC foreign ministers last Tuesday to implement a two-stage plan of diplomatic and economic sanctions against Iran if the hostages are not freed by May 17.

On Afghanistan, the Common Market appealed to Muslim non-aligned countries to press for a withdrawal of Soviet forces and establishment of neutral rule in Kabul.

On the Middle East, the leaders said only a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement could end the Arab-Israeli dispute. They directed their foreign ministers to prepare a report on the role the Community could play in achieving a solution.

Florida declares state of emergency, seeks aid for 3,500 Cuban refugees

KEY WEST, Florida, April 29 (Agencies) -- Florida has declared a state of emergency in the Key West and Miami areas and appealed to Washington for aid to deal with the estimated 3,500 Cuban refugees already arrived in the state.

The U.S. coast guard found at least half a dozen capsize boats bobbing in rough seas off Key West yesterday, apparently part of a flotilla carrying Cuban refugees to Florida that was hit by a furious storm.

In addition, two coast guard cutters towed in 12 other disabled vessels and reported picking up crews from other boats washed and abandoned. But no new refugees have arrived in this country since Sunday.

The week-old "freedom flotilla" that has brought 3,500 refugees to Florida was left a shambles when hurricane-force winds swept the Florida Straits over the weekend.

"If there was anybody out there, they wouldn't have a chance," a National Weather Service forecaster said Sunday as winds gusted to 90 miles per

hour across the 90 miles of churning sea.

But the U.S. coast guard, which received 29 rescue calls in one five-minute period alone Sunday, reported no deaths or serious injuries.

Six boats carrying 650 Cubans arrived Sunday morning before the thunderstorm interrupted the inflow. Among them was a six-hour-old boy, born to one of 200 refugees packed aboard a shrimp boat.

While the flow of refugees was momentarily halted, the battle over what to do with them intensified.

The U.S. State Department had earlier said it would accept 3,500 of the more than 10,000 Cubans who sought refuge in the Peruvian embassy in Havana three weeks ago. Since then, the Cuban government has said it is allowing virtually anyone to get out.

As many as 2,000 boats are jammed into the Cuban port of Mariel to pick up their relatives and embassy refugees, and officials estimate that as many as 250,000 Cubans could be brought back.

South African police arrest coloured students protesting unequal education

JOHANNESBURG, April 29 (AP) -- Police equipped with riot guns and gas masks today arrested several hundred coloured (mixed-race) students protesting unequal education in this racially-segregated nation, the South African Press Association (SAPA) reported.

SAPA, quoting parents, said police entered school premises and, with tear gas and batons, chased children and parents through the middle of the Western coloured township near here.

An operations commanding officer, identified as Brigadier J. Swaneepoel, denied that violence had been used in taking 15 youngsters to the Newlands police station. He said that not all the children involved had been taken into custody.

The schoolchildren were assembling illegally, so they were arrested for contravening (the) Riotous Assemblies Act. It's as simple as that," SAPA quoted him as saying.

Police, wearing camouflage uniforms, allegedly threatened students with rifles but there were no reports of shooting. The student boycott, which was started in the Cape two weeks ago by coloured students and spread throughout the country, gathered steam with support from white, black and Asian university students.

Nine blacks were detained by police for allegedly stoning school roofs in the black township of Mamelodi, Pretoria, where black high school students for the first time joined the demonstrations for equal government expenditure on the education of all race groups.

Minister of Coloured Affairs Marais Steyn promised last night in parliament to eliminate all grievances based on genuine injustices to the coloured people after opposition leaders called for his resignation.

The strike spread to Fleet Street, home of Britain's national papers, when foundry workers at the Financial Times were called out on union orders. The owners of the financial daily also own the Westminster Press chain of local papers.

The strike involves most of the National Graphical Association's (NGA) 60,000 members at local papers and general printing works. They seek a new contract boosting basic weekly pay by 30 per cent from about £62 to £80. They also want a cut in working hours to 37.5 per week within the next 12 months.

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U.K. newspaper strike spreads

LONDON, April 29 (AP) -- A nationwide print union dispute halted publication of all local newspapers in England and Wales today and also prevented the printing of the London edition of the Financial Times.

It was the second straight day that local papers -- with a few exceptions -- yesterday -- had not appeared.

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Developing countries making new attempt to gain influence in IMF

By George Short

HAMBURG -- With many of their peoples suffering desperate poverty -- often meaning a life expectancy of only 30 to 40 years -- the developing countries are making a new attempt to gain influence in the world's leading monetary authority, the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The IMF is the nearest equivalent to a "united nations" of money matters. But it does not include all the major communist powers. It has a membership of 140 countries, ranging from the giant economies of the United States and Japan to small ones such as Botswana, Cape Verde and Djibouti.

It accounts for about 80 per cent of total world production and 90 per cent of world trade.

The amount of voting power a country has in IMF councils depends on the amount of cash it pumps into the organisation.

Western businessmen see this as absolutely natural and proper, ensuring a common sense, businesslike attitude to the problems of the world economy and making sure that money is spent carefully and not thrown away.

But many Third World leaders feel that although this may make sense, the rich-poor structure of the world is not going to change unless there is pressure to force some of the wealth to be redistributed.

It is rather like the traditional battle within many nations, where businessmen are concerned with doing good business and avoiding economic collapse -- arguing that this alone will eventually create wealth for all -- and where work-

World News Briefs

NEW DELHI, April 29 (R) -- About 8,400 people disappeared were killed in the first 20 months of Marxist government in Afghanistan, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported today in a dispatch from Kabul. PTI said the estimate was based on inquiries relatives made with the new Afghan government by President Babrak Karmal. The 8,400 people were killed or went missing during governments of Noor Mohammad Tarakki and Hafizullah Amin between April 1978 and last December, PTI said. Mr. Karmal ousted President Amin in a Soviet-backed coup on Dec. 27. Mr. Amin was killed in the coup, only three months after he overthrew Mr. Tarakki, Afghanistan's first Marxist president, who also died.

KIEL, West Germany, April 29 (AP) -- Despite Soviet warnings West German naval unit left the Baltic Sea base for the Indian Ocean today, but will stay clear of the Gulf crisis area, the Bonn defence ministry said. The destroyers Luetjens and Bayern and their support vessels Coburg and Spessart will call at Brest on the French Atlantic coast and at Toulon in the Mediterranean before negotiating Suez Canal for visits to Karachi, Bombay and Colombo, a statement said. On the eve of the unit's departure, the Soviet news agency Novosti accused West Germany of militaristic tendencies endangering the whole world and warned that West Germany or become a target for retaliatory action from the East if military conflict broke out. The Bonn defence ministry reiterated earlier statements that the German fleet exercise had nothing to do with Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

NAIROBI, April 29 (R) -- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) governing council has overwhelmingly voted to call for cooperation between UNEP and South Africa. A draft decision released today said South Africa's policy of separate racial development violated the right to a wholesome and peaceful life and environment unfettered by human restrictions. The resolution submitted to the meeting yesterday by the "Group of 77" developing nations, said South Africa's unplanned settlements in black homelands fell below acceptable environmental standards and the "are often chosen because of their poor ecology." It said the Pretoria government created and perpetuated environmental and health problems by "flagrant and arrogant military incursions" neighbouring black African states.

NEW DELHI, April 29 (R) -- Local people and migrant workers clashed today in Imphal, capital of India's north-eastern Manipal state, despite a 48-hour curfew clamped on the town yesterday. Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported. It said more than 3,000 people belonging to minority communities had been evicted from their homes in Imphal to safe places after riots and anarchy in the town yesterday. Troops were called out to help police who baton charges and tear gas to disperse mobs in yesterday's violence. Students have been leading a popular movement in Manipal demanding the expulsion of migrant workers who have entered state from Bangladesh and Nepal. In nearby Assam, where similar agitation has been going on for seven months, normal work resumed in government offices today. Their employees had joined non-cooperation demonstrations yesterday. But PTI reported that students were continuing to prevent movement out of the state jute and timber.

ZURICH, April 29 (AP) -- Queen Elizabeth arrived here today on first-ever state visit of a ruling British monarch to Switzerland. Queen, who has never been in Switzerland before, was welcomed by Swiss President Georges-Andre Chevalaz and Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert who proceeded with her to the capital Bern by air almost immediately after arrival. The queen will spend four days in Switzerland and conclude the visit with a private trip to Vaduz capital of neighbouring Liechtenstein.

ATHENS, April 29 (R) -- Greek Prime Minister Constantinos Karamanlis' second bid for the presidency failed by just 19 votes in a parliamentary ballot today. Mr. Karamanlis, leader of the ruling Democracy Party, which commands 174 of the 300 seats, was only candidate and needed 200 votes to be elected. The 93 deputies of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, the major opposition party, refused to vote. A third and last ballot will be held on May 5 in which a candidate needs 180 votes to be elected as a replacement for constantine Tsatsos. Failing this, parliament will be dissolved for general elections proclaimed within ten days. The prime minister has to rely on the votes of the deputies of the five smaller parties which hold 15 seats and the seven independents to get elected in third ballot.

Waldheim, EEC leaders praise Vance Kennedy calls for immediate Senate probe of Iran mission

MENICOCITY, April 29 (AP) -- Senator Edward Kennedy said yesterday U.S. foreign policy under President Jimmy Carter was unpredictable and claimed that Secretary of State Cyrus Vance knew more about the aborted mission to rescue American hostages in Iran than has been made public.

The senator from Massachusetts, trailing Mr. Carter in the Democratic party race for the presidential nomination, also urged an immediate investigation by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the incident in Iran in which eight U.S. servicemen were reported killed and five injured.

Mr. Vance resigned in protest over the mis-carried operation that called for a special commando group to try to storm the American embassy in Tehran and retrieve the 50 American hostages there and three more in the Iranian foreign ministry.

Mr. Kennedy told a news conference in the Mexican capital that Mr. Vance obviously "knows more about the failed military mission in Iran and its possible consequences than we do. I am saddened that he decided that he had to resign."

Praising Mr. Vance as "a distinguished public servant of integrity and competence," Mr. Kennedy said: "This makes the Foreign Relations Committee investigation even more urgent. The nation needs to know all the relevant facts about the episode that led the secretary of state to take the extraordinary step of resigning in protest."

He said that among the foreign policy advisers of the Carter administration, Mr. Vance "is the man for whom I have the greatest respect."

Mr. Kennedy claimed the Carter administration was not maintaining a predictable foreign policy and said this was a time of "considerable peril and uncertainty."

"There is uncertainty about U.S. foreign policy, certainly among our allies and within our administration. In a time of uncertainty, the possibility of peril arises. We need predictability in our foreign policy," Mr. Kennedy said and added that this was "essential to our allies."

Mr. Kennedy arrived Sunday on a 20-hour visit that foreign diplomatic sources said was obviously part of his effort to woo the Mexican-American vote, especially in the U.S. southwest. He had a one-hour private meeting with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo yesterday.

Meanwhile at the United Nations, U.N. Secretary-General

Kurt Waldheim praised Mr. Vance in a statement that his spokesman issued on his behalf after Mr. Vance resigned.

"The secretary-general has the highest personal regards for Mr. Vance and warmly appreciated his very positive and cooperative attitude towards the United Nations," said the spokesman. "The secretary-general has been frequently in contact with Secretary Vance in the course of efforts to find a solution to all aspects of the Iranian crisis."

Issued while Mr. Waldheim was in Lagos, Nigeria at an African economic summit conference, it said he had no official comment since Mr. Vance's resignation was a U.S. internal matter but it pointed out he had worked closely with Mr. Vance "on numerous matters of common concern."

In Luxembourg, European Economic Community (EEC) leaders praised Mr. Vance yes-

terday but said his resignation would not affect their solidarity with President Carter's attempts to free the hostages in Iran.

"He was a delightful man to work with," British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said of Mr. Vance at the end of an EEC summit meeting here.

But she said of his resignation: "It's not for us to evaluate, that's a matter between him and the president."

Mrs. Thatcher's view echoed that of other European leaders at the summit, who praised Mr. Vance and expressed disappointment at his resignation, but declined to dwell on his departure from office. She said there was no discussion of the resignation at the summit.

German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher sent Mr. Vance a telegram expressing gratitude for past cooperation and expressing the hope his advice would be "available in the future."

Holland prepares to inaugurate new queen

AMSTERDAM, April 29 (AP) -- Final preparations for the inauguration of Holland's new queen, Beatrix, moved into high gear yesterday with flags and security measures burgeoning around the royal palace in the capital.

Queen Juliana is abdicating tomorrow on her 71st birthday after a reign of nearly 32 years. But many Dutchmen will stay home and watch TV rather than try to reach the centre of the city where Princess Beatrix, 42, will be installed as the country's sixth constitutional monarch and the latest head of the centuries-old House of Orange.

At the inauguration site on the capital's Dam Square, flags and orange bunnies went up on stores and public buildings, while workers put finishing touches to a blue and white canopy under which Princess Beatrix will walk from the palace to the Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) next door for the formal installation ceremonies.

Barriers were erected in the immediate precincts of the church and palace, the first link in a security chain which will close a large part of the inner city to all but official guests. Only across the broad square in front of the palace will the general public get a view of the new queen at a distance of at least 100 metres.

"I would have liked to take my two young daughters to see the show," said one Dutchman. "But it will be just too difficult and it could be dangerous with the city's squatters' problem." He said that

like countless Dutch people, he would stay off the streets and watch TV.

Amsterdam's squatter community, estimated by city officials at 6,000 is seething with unrest over the capital's housing shortage and has promised demonstrations tomorrow.

The squatters rioted in March in a confrontation with police and earlier this month a group of them hurled smoke bombs at the palace. Radical groups have also put up posters around town urging dis-



Augusto Pinochet

ruptions and support for a mass rally against the inauguration. Queen Juliana is surrendering her throne because she says she is growing old and the time has come to hand over to her eldest daughter.

She will sign the instrument of abdication in the palace soon after 9:00 a.m. GMT, and Princess Beatrix will become queen at that moment. At 2:00 p.m., the new queen will cross to the 15th-century Nieuwe Kerk where many of Holland's naval heroes are buried

and every Dutch monarch since Willem I in 1814 has been installed.

The formal inauguration will follow before members of both houses of parliament, assembled royalty and other guests with the new queen swearing to uphold the constitution and defend the people and territory of the Netherlands.

People close to the royal family expect the new reign to be brisk and businesslike. Princess Beatrix will move next year to the seat of government in The Hague where she will maintain both her principal residence and her secretariat. Her mother never showed any desire to live in The Hague and carried out her royal duties from Soestdijk palace, 32 kilometres east of Amsterdam.

Princess Beatrix is also seen as forceful and occasionally demanding compared with her mother, whose royal style has been modest, retiring and maternally.

The new queen has said repeatedly, however, that Queen Juliana will be her guiding example and in an April 14 interview, she told Dutch newspaper editors that the first five years of her reign will be a learning period.

She also said she wanted the 14 million Dutch people to see her installation as a celebration and would regret it if they were unable to do so because of any disruptions. The latest public opinion poll shows 82 per cent of the population favours retaining the royal house.



Princess Beatrix with Queen Juliana

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